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FOR SECRETARY FROM LEWIS; JERUSALEM FOR USDEL

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH BEGIN: CAIRO TALKS

1. DURING MEETING ROY ATHERTON AND I HAD THIS MORNING WITH
BEGIN, DAYAN, AND WEIZMAN (SEE SEPTELS) BEGIN ASKED THAT
I PASS ON TO YOU THE FOLLOWING PIECE OF INFORMATION.
HE SAID GENERAL TAMIR (WHO, YOU WILL RECALL, WAS LEFT
HOLDING THE FORT IN CAIRO) HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE
MAY BE SOME MOVEMENT IN THE EGYPTIAN POSITION ON
SETTLEMENTS. HE HAS HAD A TALK WITH TWO EGYPTIAN GENERALS
WHO, HE SAID, HAD INDICATED THAT "PERHAPS" SOME

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ARRANGEMENT ON SETTLEMENTS COULD BE REACHED. BEGIN SAID
THE ISRAELIS KNEW NOTHING MORE THAN THIS, BUT IT WAS A
RAY OF HOPE AND HE WANTED TO SHARE IT WITH YOU.

2. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO TELL BEGIN THAT IT WAS OUR
IMPRESSION THAT SOME VERY PRECISE ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN
TO THE EGYPTIAN PRESS IN REGARD TO ESCHEWING ANTI-SEMITIC

AND PROVOCATIVE ATTACKS. BEGIN SAID HE WAS RELIEVED TO HEAR IT AND LAUGHINGLY REMARKED THAT NOW THE EGYPTIAN PRESS WAS ONLY ATTACKING HIM AS PRIME MINISTER, NOT PERSONALLY. THIS WAS OK WITH HIM. IT WAS, AFTER ALL, A PROFESSIONAL RISK THAT WENT WITH THE JOB. THE ONLY THING HE HAD TRULY RESENTED WERE THE ATTACKS ON HIM AS A JEW.

3. IN VERY BRIEF EXCHANGE CONCERNING CURRENT STATE OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, ATHERTON TOLD BEGIN HE EXPECTED TO BE GOING TO CAIRO ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT. THEY AGREED THAT ROY NEEDED NOTHING MORE FROM THE ISRAELIS AT THIS STAGE, THOUGH ROY MADE CLEAR HE ASSUMED HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO JERUSALEM WITH SOME EGYPTIAN COUNTER PROPOSALS. BEGIN SAID HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM HIM AS SOON AS HE RETURNED, PRESUMABLY TOWARD THE END OF NEXT WEEK. ROY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR BEGIN'S AGREEMENT TO INCORPORATE THE WORD "RIGHT" INTO THE ISRAELI LANGUAGE FOR PARA 5.

4. CLEARLY, BEGIN ASSUMES WEIZMAN WILL RETURN TO CAIRO AFTER THE CABINET MEETING HERE ON SUNDAY. LEWIS UNQTE VANCE

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